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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 15, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 7-13, 15, 17-23, 25, and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(c). The Examiner indicated allowable subject matter or claims 4, 14, and 24. Claims 2, 4-10, 12, 14-20, 22, 24-30 have been amended. Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been canceled. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 4, 14, and 24 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 11, and 21 and amended 4, 14, and 24 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims 1, 11, and 21, respectively.

Therefore, Applicant believes that newly amended independent claims 4, 14, and 24 and their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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